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PROBLEM SOLVING CANVAS

DEFINING THE PROBLEM

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1.	What is the problem? [need]	
2.	Who is impacted? [users]	
3.	What are the causes of the problem? [causes]	
4. [evi	What is the evidence? Whom can you interview? What experiment can you run? dence]	
IDENTIFYING SOLUTIONS		
5.	How can the problem be tackled? [big idea]	
6.	What is the mechanism of beneficial change? [theory of change]	



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7.	Who is most likely to be supportive? [champions]	
8.	Who is most likely to be opposed? [foes]	
DESIGNING FOR IMPLEMENTATION		
9.	How will the solution work? [user experience]	
10.	Who has to do what to make it happen? [partners, competitors]	
11.	With whom can I collaborate and partner? [partners]	
12.	Why do this now? [precipitating events]	

13. Who else is in the field? [competitors]\

14. Why is this project still needed? What's missing? [gap analysis]

15. Physical, human and intellectual resources needed? [resources]

16. Strategy? [Next steps]

17. Cost Structure? Financial Sustainability? Revenue Streams? [cost]



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EVALUATION AND EVOLUTION

18. Key metrics? [metrics]

19. How might this go wrong? [risks]

20. How will I promote adoption? [champions]